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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing school districts to deduct and pay fees
2 for membership in not-for-profit professional education
3 associations.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.59, Code 2016, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **279.59 ~~Access by~~ Professional education associations.**

4 1. For purposes of this section, "professional education
5 association" means a not-for-profit association in which the
6 majority of members are practitioners licensed under chapter
7 272.

8 2. The board of directors of a school district shall provide
9 ~~not-for-profit~~ professional education associations that
10 offer membership to teachers or administrators equal access
11 to teacher or administrator mailboxes for distribution of
12 professional literature.

13 3. Except as otherwise provided under in section 20.9, the
14 board of directors of a school district may deduct from the
15 salary of a teacher or administrator an amount specified by
16 the teacher or administrator for payment of dues or membership
17 fees for the teacher's or administrator's membership in a
18 professional education association if the request for the
19 deduction is made in writing during the enrollment period
20 for the professional education association and if the pay
21 period during which the deduction is made, and the frequency
22 and amount of the deduction, are compatible with the school
23 district's payroll system. The deduction shall continue in
24 effect for not more than one year unless a new written request
25 is filed according to the requirements of this section. The
26 teacher or administrator may terminate the deduction at any
27 time by giving the school district thirty days' written notice.
28 Moneys deducted under this section shall be paid over promptly
29 to the appropriate professional education association.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill authorizes school districts, upon the request of
34 a teacher or administrator, to pay through payroll deduction
35 the teacher's or administrator's dues or membership fees

1 in any not-for-profit, professional education association.
2 The request must be made in writing during the enrollment
3 period for the professional education association and must be
4 compatible with the school district's payroll system. The
5 deduction shall continue in effect for not more than one
6 year unless a new written request is filed. The teacher or
7 administrator may terminate the deduction at any time by giving
8 the school district 30 days' written notice.

9 The bill defines a professional education association as a
10 not-for-profit association in which the majority of members are
11 practitioners licensed by the board of educational examiners.